

On behalf of the entire 1100+ business members and the 5 member cities (Aliso Viejo, Laguna Hills, Lake Forest, Mission Viejo, and Rancho Santa Margarita) of the South Orange County Regional Chambers of Commerce, we wish to go on record as fully supportive of SBC Pacific Bell's application to enter the long distance communications business.

The South Orange County Chamber believes that it is in the best interest of the California telecommunications consumer to enjoy full choice in their designation of a long distance carrier. Currently, even though California is the largest and most competitive communications market in the nation (with some 33 million customers), SBC Pacific Bell's application to join the long distance market has been consistently opposed by the big three long distance companies: AT&T, MCI World Com, and Sprint.

SBC Pacific Bell is the only telecom company in California today that cannot offer its customers the convenience of "one-stop" shopping. This would seem to directly contravene the intention of the Congressional Communications Act of 1996.

We respectfully request that you listen to telecommunications consumers in California and grant SBC Pacific Bell the right to compete for long distance business!